

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 91 - SB1172

March 6, 2017

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires an adult who receives food assistance to comply with and periodically submit proof of continuing compliance of meeting certain criteria in at least one of the following areas: work, community service, employment center classes, or full-time student requirements. Exempts a single parent with custody of a child under the age of 12 and adult recipients determined not to be an able-bodied person capable of compliance with the above listed requirements. Allows the Department of Human Services (DHS) to terminate a recipient who fails to comply after an opportunity for a hearing.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$8,600

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$8,600

Other Fiscal Impact -- The provisions of the bill could jeopardize federal funding if it is determined the state is noncompliant with federal law. The DHS reports that if someone is denied benefits that would otherwise be eligible by virtue of meeting general work requirements and requirements applicable to Able-Bodied Adults with Dependents, and such action is considered noncompliant with federal law, then the Department's federal funding, approximately \$1,909,112,700 in FY17-18, could be in jeopardy.

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004172):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits the Department of Human Services (DHS) from seeking to waive the federal eligibility time limit established under 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o) unless it is determined that a specific area in which individuals reside meet certain conditions. Requires the DHS to submit data that relies on standard federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data or other methods to support waiver requests based on unemployment rates or labor force data.

## **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

### **NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Human Services (DHS), the proposed legislation will not impact the DHS' operations, policies, or procedures; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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